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The Nation's Bread.

That bread is justly entitled to be called the "staff of life" is fully borne out by investigations of the United States department of commerce and labor. This department made an investigation to determine the amount spent for food by a "normal" laborer's family. The data obtained from the 11,156 families whose expenses were studied showed the average amount spent for food by a family consisting of husband, wife and five children to be \$329.19 per year. It is interesting to note how the so-called normal family of the average laborer, which seems rather above the normal in size, apportion its money for food and other necessities. Twenty-nine dollars and 26 cents is expended for bread, flour and cereals, and while the cost of the bread is small compared with that of other foods, the amount of nutrients and energy derived from it is large. The laborer's meat bill is the largest of all. He spends \$116.58 per year for all kinds of meat, three and a half times as much as for bread. His butter costs him about as much as his bread, and sugar half as much, while about the same sum is spent for potatoes and vegetables as for bread. Thirty-eight dollars goes for milk and eggs. More coffee is used than tea; about \$19 is spent for the one and five dollars for the other. Religion, charity and tobacco claim nearly equal amounts, while intoxicating liquors come in for a much larger share. Labor organizations get about nine dollars per year, while \$5.79 is contributed to the support of state and local governments in the form of taxes. Sickness and death on the average claim \$20.54. It is quite apparent, says Harry Snyder in Harper's Monthly, that bread and flour do not form a very large item of the food expense of the normal laborer's family, as only nine per cent. of the cost of the food goes for bread and \$1 per cent. for all other food articles.

The Effort of Life.

Charles Erskine Scott Wood voices his creed of life and the hereafter in the Pacific Monthly in these words: "I like to insist again and yet again that the effort of life is virtue, not vice (if virtue be the upward flight). That the decree of life is happiness and that as one mode of happiness there is beauty everywhere—by day and night, in summer and winter, storm or sunshine, in desert or mountains, or on the salt and restless sea. The earth is marred by man, not man by the earthly life. The earth is kind to man. It is man who is ferocious unto man, and ravenously covetous. If heaven be not found in this life, on this earth, it will never be found anywhere. He who believes it will be found here and seeks to realize it is no dreamer, but the builder of a solid edifice; and he who seeks it in some vague hereafter, content to submit to the tyrannies of this life, in hope of a reward in another, is the visionary."

One of the most striking signs of this age is the entrance of science into every department of life. A symbolic picture of the twentieth century might represent the spirit of science stretching her hand out over the temples of learning, religion and law. The state of Chihuahua, in Mexico, has passed a sanitary law regulating theaters, churches and other public buildings. All such buildings must have ample fire protection, be properly ventilated, and provide sufficient seats. In the churches it has been the custom of worshippers to sit and kneel on the floors. This is forbidden by the new law, which looks to the health of the people. Old customs are suddenly, sometimes violently, upset by new knowledge, but there never was an age more confident of its new knowledge and more competent to produce the facts than the present age.

The old monitor style of warship is still good for something. One of the class, the Florida, is to be made the object of attack by modern ships and guns, and also by torpedoes, with a view to ascertaining the effect of the fire maintained under such conditions. Several of the obsolete vessels of the British navy have been utilized in this manner, and though it seems like an ignominious end for the gallant craft, the practical knowledge gained is considered more than an offset to any sentimental associations. In fact, rude war takes little account of sentiment.

A dog in a burning building in Rochester saved the lives of 80 people by its timely warning of danger, which forces the pessimistic but inevitable conclusion, original but sad, that some dogs are of far more use in the world than some people.

It is an extraordinary fact that there is \$250,000 in the New York city treasury, an accumulation for 25 years of unclaimed salaries, wages and warrants in general. How careless some people are about money!

KANSAS STATE CONVENTION.

Instructions Given for Taft—President Roosevelt's Policies Approved—State Administration Indorsed.

Topeka, Kan.,—The Republican State convention met here at noon Wednesday and named four delegates at large to Chicago.

The resolutions of the convention are brief. They strongly indorse Secretary Taft as the choice of Kansas for the Republican presidential nominee and instruct the delegates to stand by him on every preliminary test and on every ballot.

The administration of President Roosevelt is enthusiastically approved. The work and the records of United States Senators Long and Curtis and the congressional delegation are also indorsed. There is no indorsement of state candidates or any attempt to outline a platform. This is left to the August primaries. The delegates are also instructed for D. W. Mulvane for national committeeman.

The convention elected D. J. Hanna of Hill City as permanent chairman. The following delegates to the Chicago convention were elected: United States Senators C. I. Long and Charles Curtis, Robert McGonigle, Colby, and Grant Hornaday, Fort Scott.

Willis J. Bailey, former governor, before he entered the convention, announced his withdrawal from the race for the Republican nomination for governor.

This convention probably will be the last state Republican convention to be held in Kansas. Hereafter candidates are to be chosen by primaries.

JOHNSON A CANDIDATE.

Minnesota Democratic Committee Recommends That He Be Nominated for President at Denver.

St. Paul, Minn.,—The Democratic state committee of Minnesota Friday afternoon, after a bitter fight, adopted a resolution indorsing Gov. John A. Johnson of Minnesota for the Democratic presidential nomination and recommending that he be named by the National convention at Denver next July.

As the meeting of the committee was presided over by Frank A. Day, private secretary to the governor and who voted for the Johnson resolution on every test and on the final ballot, the action of the committee is held by political leaders as placing the governor formally in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

The Johnson resolution was carried by a vote of 68 to 23, after the Bryan adherents had forced two test votes, on both of which they were defeated. The Bryan men insisted on a roll call on every vote and gave notice in their speeches on the original resolution that they would not be bound by the action of the state committee, but would make a fight throughout the state for a delegation from Minnesota to the National convention instructed to support the nomination of Mr. Bryan.

Cleveland Death List 167.

Cleveland, Ohio.,—The body of Miss Katherine Weiler, one of the two teachers who lost their lives in the Collingwood fire, was positively identified Friday by a dentist. There are still 123 bodies unidentified. So far 167 bodies have been recovered. The list of missing now tallies with the number of unidentified, which would indicate that all of the bodies have been found and that the total death list will stand at 167.

For Relief of Collingwood People.

Columbus, O.,—Representative Hill of Columbiana county introduced a bill Thursday in the house appropriating \$25,000 for the relief of people who lost children in the Collingwood school-house horror Wednesday. The bill was placed on its second reading and referred to the finance committee with power to report at once.

A Tunnel to Cost \$11,000,000.

Reno, Nev.,—It is announced at Southern Pacific headquarters here that the four and one-half-mile tunnel from Truckee to Blue Canyon, on the Southern Pacific, to cost \$11,000,000, will be commenced this summer. Electric locomotives for the tunnel haul, which will save ten miles of steep grade in the Sierras, will be a feature to insure pure air.

To Dedicate Soldiers' Monument.

St. Paul, Minn.,—Gov. Johnson will dedicate the monument erected by the state of Minnesota on Shiloh battlefield on April 10. The monument commission, the adjutant general and the governor's staff will attend the ceremony.

Detroit Banker a Suicide.

Detroit, Mich.,—Ellwood T. Hance first vice president of the Union Trust company of this city, and former postmaster of Detroit, shot and killed himself early Friday in his home here.

Mexican Secretary Dead in Washington. Washington, D. C.,—Senator Don Edwards De Helstegul, third secretary of the Mexican embassy, died late Wednesday night of pneumonia after an illness of only three days.

Pupils Use the Fire Drill.

Grand Rapids, Mich.,—Grand Rapids Thursday was threatened with a repetition of Cleveland's tragedy of Wednesday on an even larger scale. Fire broke out in the laboratory of the central high school while 1,200 pupils were at their studies. The fire signal was given and the pupils marched out in perfect order. The building was emptied in two and one-half minutes. The central high school is overcrowded and the stairways inadequate, but the fire drill proved effective. The fire did comparatively little damage.

POOR JOB ON THE LEAP.



With Business Bad, No Operators to Be Had, He Bids Uncle Sam Not to Put the Nine-Hour Law into Operation.

HOUSE WILL INVESTIGATE

Charge Is Made That Congressmen Have Been Corrupted.

Submarine Boat Company Has Kept Expensive Lobby and Held Monopoly of Naval Contracts.

Washington, D. C.,—Without discussion or division the house Friday adopted a resolution brought in by the committee on rules providing for the appointment of a committee to investigate the charges made by Mr. Lilley to the effect that the Electric Boat company of New Jersey had engaged in an effort to corruptly influence members of the house. The resolution is sweeping in its character and gives the committee authority to call for the Electric Boat company's check books and all papers in their possession which may have any bearing on the investigation.

Accompanying the report of the committee on rules is a copy of Mr. Lilley's statement to the committee in which he charges that the electric company has for years maintained a lobby at Washington under its annual retainer. He charges that large sums of money have been spent in entertaining members of congress, that an attorney for the company wrote the senate amendment to the appropriation bill of 1907 with the intention of preventing competition; that large sums of money have been contributed by the company to the campaign funds of members of congress; that effort has been made to influence the action of the navy department, and that since 1893 the efforts of the company have resulted in suppressing competition in submarine construction and that representatives of leading newspapers have been subsidized by the company.

CHILDREN DIE IN FIRE.

School Building in Cleveland, O., Suburb Proves a Fire Trap for the Little Ones.

Cleveland, Ohio.,—Pinned in narrow hallways, jammed up against doors that only opened inward between one hundred and sixty and one hundred and seventy children in the suburb of North Collingwood Wednesday were killed by fire, by smoke and beneath the grinding heels of their panic-stricken playmates.

The awful tragedy occurred Wednesday morning in the public school of North Collingwood, ten miles east of this city. At ten o'clock Wednesday night 165 corpses were in the morgue at Collingwood, six children were still unaccounted for and all the hospitals and homes for two miles around contained numbers of children, some fatally, and many less seriously injured.

All of the victims were between the ages of 4 and 15 years. The school contained between three hundred and ten and three hundred and twenty-five pupils, and of this entire number only about eighty are known to have left the building unhurt. It will be several days before the exact number of killed is known as the ruins may still contain other bodies, and the list of fatalities may be increased by a number of deaths among the children who are now lying in the hospitals hovering between life and death.

Asked to Care for Federal Prisoners. Leavenworth, Kan.,—The department of justice has written Warden Haskell of the Kansas penitentiary, asking him if the prison officials would accept the custody of the United States women prisoners and how many they can accommodate.

Breaking Automobile Records.

Ormond, Fla.,—Two records were broken on Ormond beach Friday. M. G. Bernin, in a 60-horse power French car, covered 100 miles in one hour, 12 minutes and 56.15 seconds, almost three full minutes better than the old record of one hour, 15 minutes and 56.15 seconds, established on Ormond beach in 1906 by Walter Clifford Earl, in an English car. The other records to fall was that of the mile for middle-weight gasoline cars. Cedeno, in a 60-horse power Italian car, covered the distance in 35 seconds.

IT WAS BRYAN DAY.

Nebraska Democrats Pledged Anew Their Allegiance to Their Leader at State Convention.

Omaha, Neb.,—Instructing their delegates to "vote as a unit" for the presidential nomination of William J. Bryan at Denver next July, the members of the Nebraska Democratic convention Thursday made clear of fidelity that his home state will support Bryan principles throughout the National convention of the party. They followed this action by turning out en masse Thursday night to cheer a platform which admittedly reflected Bryan's views on national affairs and to greet their leader with an outburst of cheering that brought a flush of pleasure to the countenance of the recipient. All the proceedings of the day were planned with an ascending scale of enthusiasm in view. How well this worked out was evidenced by the scenes in the Convention hall Thursday night. Close to one thousand delegates, hundreds of other active party members and thousands of private citizens hailed Mr. Bryan as "the next president of the United States." Applause that quickly changed to cheers, then instantly turned into wild yells, greeted him when he appeared to begin the speech which wound up the day. During his remarks this demonstration was renewed frequently and at the end was repeated with renewed vigor.

OHIO STATE CONVENTION.

Republican of Buckeye State Oppose "Either Halt or Retreat" in March Toward Good Government.

Columbus, Ohio.,—The Republican State convention Wednesday nominated a state ticket headed by Gov. Andrew L. Harris for governor and selected the following as delegates at large to National convention—Charles P. Taft, Cincinnati; Myron T. Herrick, Cleveland; Arthur I. Vorys, Lancaster; Andrew L. Harris, Eaton.

Unanimity for William H. Taft, as Ohio's candidate for the nomination for president was the feature of the convention. The delegates to the National convention were instructed to vote for Taft "until he is nominated."

The platform endorsed the policies inaugurated under the administration of President Roosevelt and Governor Harris. The declarations for revision of the tariff by friends of protection at an extra session of congress, a greater merchant marine, and an adequate navy, the speedy completion of the Panama Canal, the enforcement of the civil and political rights of the negro, and that there be "neither halt nor retreat sounded in the march toward better government."

Populists Indorse Bryan.

Omaha, Neb.,—With the largest number of delegates at any Nebraska Populist meeting for four years, the Populist State convention was called to order in Washington hall at two o'clock Thursday afternoon. Hon. E. E. Thomas, of Omaha, was made permanent chairman. After a debate lasting two hours, the convention decided to recognize the call of the national committee, and to send a full delegation to the Populist National convention at St. Louis. Thirty-seven delegates were selected for that purpose, and instructed to vote and work for the interest of W. J. Bryan.

Army Pay Bill Passed.

Washington, D. C.,—The senate army pay increase bill granting an increase of 40 per cent in the pay of enlisted men and of smaller percentages to officers varying with rank, was passed by the senate Friday.

Low Summer Tourist Rates.

Omaha, Neb.,—The Union Pacific announced Wednesday that it will make same low summer tourist rates to Colorado this season as were in effect last year and that it will sell tickets at \$17.50 from Omaha or Kansas City to Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo and return, from June 1 to September 15, good until October 31, with transit limits and stop-over privileges. As last year more than 52,000 persons went to Colorado on tourist tickets the action of the Union Pacific is of considerable significance.

THREATS FOR OFFICERS.

Chief of Police of St. Joseph, Mo., Received Warning Letters—An Italian Arrested at Kansas City.

St. Joseph, Missouri.,—Threatening them with death if they harmed any Italian in St. Joseph, and warning them for the love of their wives and children not to try to deport any Italians from here, letters, identical in meaning but varying slightly in wording, were received last Thursday morning by Chief of Police William H. Frans and Inspector of Detectives Charles H. Kelly.

After the entire local secret service department had worked on the case information was received that the supposed writer of the letters had gone to Kansas City and Police Detectives Wilson returned from there Sunday night with Edmundo Ragio, 30 years old whom the police believe was the author of the threatening letters.

The letter to Chief Frans ends with the words "remember Shippy." Both are signed "Cincho Centavo."

Ragio strongly denies authorship for the letters. He was in St. Joseph only a short time he says. He admits calling on Bishop Burke of the Catholic church to ask for money, but says there was no other object in the visit. He is not an anarchist, he says. Efforts will be made to have him deported.

He was arrested in Kansas City Sunday partly through information secured from an Italian priest, from whom he tried to get money. The letters contain finger prints which will be compared with those of Ragio.

After 42 Years.

Portland, Me.,—By a special act of congress, responsibility for the loss of the American brig Olive Francis off the Nova Scotia coast, after a collision with the United States gunboat Winoski will be determined at a hearing to commence before the United States district court March 16, after a period of nearly 42 years since the disaster occurred. The case comes to the court on petition of Sarah A. Pennell of Machias, administratrix and others who were given permission by special act of congress to bring the suit in accordance with regular admiralty procedure. For over a year attorneys for the petitioners and the government have been taking depositions of the surviving members of the crews of both vessels.

Communicated With Fleet.

Val Lejo, California.,—The first communication which this coast has had with Admiral Evans' fleet was established through the cruiser St. Louis late Saturday night. The St. Louis, under command of Commander N. R. Usher, is at Magdalena bay for target practice. The message from the Connecticut showed the fleet steaming at a regular rate, 1300 miles south of Magdalena. The message was repeated from the St. Louis to stations on this coast and was picked up at Mars Island at 2:30 Sunday morning. All stations along the coast are endeavoring to make the greatest record for communication with the fleet.

Passing Stolen Money Orders.

South Bend, Ind.,—One thousand blank money orders stolen from Station No. 129, Chicago, and filled in in amounts varying from \$25 to \$50, are being passed on merchants in various towns in northern Indiana, southern Michigan and eastern Illinois. The persons who are said to be operating the swindle are a man and woman who make small purchases at jewelry, grocery, clothing and furniture stores, for which the money orders are presented.

New York.—Some 1,500 members of the Clan-Na-Gael of New York held a meeting in memory of Robert Emmett Sunday night and adopted resolutions opposing the ratification by the United States senate of the new treaty with Great Britain.

A Fisheries Agreement.

Ottawa, Ont.,—The recent visit of the British ambassador, Bryce, to Ottawa is bearing fruit. The fisheries treaty on the inland waters along the international boundary line beginning at Passamequaddy Bay and the St. Croix river between Maine and New Brunswick and ending at Juan de Fuca straits on the Pacific oceans has been completed and is satisfactory to all governments concerned.

Japan's Naval Strength.

Tokyo.,—Some reliable figures are now to hand showing the present strength of the Japanese navy as compared with its strength when the war broke out. Details are appended but the totals may be briefly stated, viz. 157 vessels of all descriptions, representing a tonnage of 283,742 tons before the war and 204 vessels, and 515,082 tons at the present day.

Jerome Prepares His Answer.

New York.—District Attorney Jerome will leave for Albany Monday to tender to Gov. Hughes his answer to the charges filed with the governor by W. F. King, former president of the Merchants' association.

Goldfield Miners Enjoined.

Reno, Nevada.,—By the decision of Judge Farrington of the United States district court rendered Saturday in the suit of the owners of the merger mines of Goldfield against the miners' union a blanket injunction against the miners is enforced. This is a decided victory for the mine owners. The injunction covers practically all the ground of relief asked for by the Consolidated Mines' company and enjoins the miners from every act which might be construed as inimical to the interests of the mine owners.

THE SIXTIETH CONGRESS

A Condensed Account of Transactions at the National Capital.

The Most Important Items Gathered From Each Day's Session of Senate and House.

Murdock Makes Objections.

Washington, D. C.,—The system of legislative procedure in the house of representatives was severely criticized in that chamber Tuesday by Mr. Murdock (Kansas). He declared it to be all wrong, and asserted that under it the vitality of initiative in the individual in his representative capacity was being sapped. "He has his share of the responsibility in a majority vote on non-partisan legislation," he asserted, "but he has little or no voice in determining the question upon which he shall vote except in purely partisan matters."

A General Debate.

Washington, D. C.,—The postoffice appropriation bill technically was under consideration in the house Wednesday but the discussion under license of general debate took a wide range. Speculation in cotton, finance, the tariff and a number of miscellaneous matters in turn occupied the whole time of the session.

Aldrich Bill Discussed.

Washington, D. C.,—Currency legislation was the subject of consideration in the senate Wednesday. Senator Heyburn opposed the pending bill and declared that it was useless and he would not vote for it. Senator Aldrich announced that he hoped to have a vote on the measure next Wednesday.

To Pass Lilley's Resolution.

Washington, D. C.,—The house committee on rules Thursday decided to report favorably the resolution of Representative Lilley providing for the appointment of a committee of five members of the house to investigate charges of corrupt influence in connection with the authorization for submarine torpedo boats.

Treaty With Mexico Agreed Upon.

Washington, D. C.,—A treaty of arbitration between the United States and Mexico has been agreed upon and will be signed in a few days by Secretary Root on behalf of the United States and Senor Don Jose F. Godoy, the acting first secretary and charge d'affaires of Mexico in the absence of Ambassador Cresol.

No Work in Congress.

Washington, D. C.,—Both branches of congress adjourned Thursday out of respect to the late Senator Proctor of Vermont. No business of importance was done in either body, general debate on the postoffice appropriation bill in the house having been extended to 6 p. m. on Tuesday next.

To Exhibit in Japan.

Washington, D. C.,—The house committee on arts and expositions Thursday decided to report favorably a bill appropriating \$500,000 for the participation of the United States in the international exposition at Tokyo, Japan, in 1912.

A License for Wireless.

Washington, D. C.,—Senator Hale Friday introduced a bill requiring wireless telegraph companies to procure a license from the secretary of commerce and labor where their message or signals extend from one state to another.

A Lawrence Man to Carlisle.

Washington, D. C.,—The secretary of the interior has selected Moses Friedman, assistant superintendent of the Haskell Indian school at Lawrence, Kan., to be superintendent of the Carlisle Indian school at Carlisle, Pa.

Stopped the Train to Rest.

Pottsville, Pa.,—The new railroad law prescribing the hours of work for railroad crews which went into effect Sunday was taken advantage of by a train crew here Thursday when a Pennsylvania freight train was stopped on the main track while passing the town because the crew had been on duty 16 hours. A shifting engine sidetracked the train where it remained for ten hours until the crew had secured the lawful rest.

An Aeroplane Trophy.

Paris.—Michaelin has founded a world's challenge cup of the value of \$20,000 to be competed for annually by aeroplanes. After the first race aeroplanists will be compelled each year to fly double the distance made by the winner of the trophy the preceding year. The winning aeroplanist, in addition to the cup, will receive \$2,000.

Senator Proctor of Vermont Dead.

Washington, D. C.,—United States Senator Redfield Proctor, of Vermont, died at his apartments at the Champlain here Wednesday afternoon after a short illness following an attack of grippe. Senator Proctor was 77 years old.

Honolulu to Entertain Fleet.

Honolulu.—Gov. Frear has appointed a committee to prepare for entertainment of Rear Admiral Evans' battleship fleet when it arrives here.

One Undesirable Alien Goes.

New York.—A detective and an immigration inspector arrived here Thursday from Buffalo, having in charge Vincenzo Marconcato, an Italian, whom they lodged on Ellis Island preparatory to his being deported on the ground that he is an undesirable alien.

Rosier to be Public Printer.

Washington, D. C.,—It is understood the president has decided to appoint W. S. Rosier of New York to be public printer to succeed Charles S. Stilings of Massachusetts.